

IN THE CLAIMS

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body including a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth and defining an archwire slot; and

a clip comprising at least two different materials and being movable between an open position permitting access to the archwire slot and a closed position inhibiting access to the archwire slot, and wherein one material coats another material.

8 – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein one material is stiffer than the other material.

11. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein one material comprises a polymer material.

12. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein at least one of said two different materials comprises metal positioned in the lingual portion of the clip.

13. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7 12, wherein the other material comprises polymer material (e.g., polyurethane, fiberglass/resin matrix).

14. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein the labial portion of the clip is free from metal.

15-55. (Canceled)

56. (New) An orthodontic bracket comprising:
a body including a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth and defining an archwire slot; and
a clip comprising at least two different materials and being movable between an open position permitting access to the archwire slot and a closed position inhibiting access to the archwire slot, and wherein the two different materials are laminated to each other.

57. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 56, wherein one material is stiffer than the other material.

58. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 56, wherein one material comprises a polymer material.

59. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 56, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein at least one of said two different materials comprises metal positioned in the lingual portion of the clip.

60. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 59, wherein the other material comprises polymer material (e.g., polyurethane, fiberglass/resin matrix).

61. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 56, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein the labial portion of the clip is free from metal.

62. (New) An orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body including a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth and having an archwire slot that defines a recess; and

a clip comprising at least two different materials and being movable between an open position permitting access to the archwire slot and a closed position inhibiting access to the archwire slot, and wherein the clip includes a free end positioned in the recess when the clip is in the closed position.

63. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 62, wherein one material is stiffer than the other material.

64. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 62, wherein one material comprises a polymer material.

65. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 62, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein at least one of said two different materials comprises metal positioned in the lingual portion of the clip.

66. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 65, wherein the other material comprises polymer material (e.g., polyurethane, fiberglass/resin matrix).

67. (New) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 62, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein the labial portion of the clip is free from metal.